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Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 3 September 2024

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New EDMs

129 **Conduct of Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill CBE**

Tabled: **3/09/24** Signatories: **1**

Shockat Adam

That this House notes that award-winning railway engineer, Gareth Dennis, was sacked from his role at SYSTRA UK following an intervention by Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill CBE, then Network Rail Chair and now Minister for Rail, over comments Mr Dennis made about overcrowding at Euston Station; further notes that the intervention included threatening to withhold public contracts from SYSTRA unless they took disciplinary action against Mr Dennis; believes this may constitute misconduct in a public office; and calls on the Prime Minister to instruct the Independent Adviser on Ministers' Interests to launch an immediate inquiry into the conduct of Lord Hendy.

130 **Period product scheme for schools and colleges (No. 2)**

Tabled: **3/09/24** Signatories: **1**

Mr Lee Dillon

That this House welcomes the period product scheme for schools and colleges; notes that that current scheme was in April of this year extended until July 2025; further notes that a longer duration of support would provide schools and pupils and students who menstruate, or may later start menstruating, who may not identify as female but, instead, identify as transgender or non-binary, with the knowledge that this scheme won't be removed during their school lives;

recognises that the scheme only allows for tights to be purchased during winter and autumn terms and that young women who wear tights all year round aren't able to benefit from this scheme in the summer term; calls upon the Department of Education to declare a longer term commitment to this scheme and to include the purchasing of tights all year round; and encourages hon. Members to make their schools aware of the scheme.

131 **Home-to-school transport**

Tabled: **3/09/24** Signatories: **1**

Ayoub Khan

That this House expresses concern and regret that ever more extreme cuts to local government are causing local authorities to cut post-16 home-to-school transport for those in receipt of an EHCP who require it; calls upon the Government to make post-16 home-to-school transport a statutory service for those who require it; and further calls upon the Government to support councils in fully funding this vital lifeline for SEND children.

132 **Asda equal pay**

Tabled: **3/09/24** Signatories: **1**

Ayoub Khan

That this House condemns pay discrimination in all its forms; expresses its full solidarity with the over 50,000 current and former Asda retail workers who have lodged an equal pay claim against the firm; further condemns pay discrimination at Asda which has seen women workers on the shop floor earn up to £2.84 less per hour than their male counterparts in warehouses; and calls upon Asda to commence settlement negotiations with unions regarding pay discrimination in its stores.

133 **Human rights in Palestine**

Tabled: **3/09/24** Signatories: **4**

Ayoub Khan

Shockat Adam

Iqbal Mohamed

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House notes that, according to Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood; further notes that the Right to Return is an inalienable human right under Article 13 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; also notes that, according to UN General Assembly Resolution 32/40B of 2 December 1977, Israel has an obligation to facilitate the return of Palestinians to their homes in line with Articles 1 and 13 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights but has always blocked

the Palestinian Right of Return; notes that, for Articles 1 and 13 and Resolution 32/40B of 2 December 1977 to be upheld, Palestinian refugees must be allowed to return to their homes and all the lands from which they have been expelled in the ethnic cleansing that has taken place before and since the state of Israel was established in 1948; and calls on the Government to fully uphold the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by demanding Israel ceases its genocide in Palestine and upholds the inalienable human rights of the Palestinian People, including their right to return to all the lands from which they have been expelled before and since the establishment of Israel in 1948.

134 **Spot Leukaemia campaign**

Tabled: **3/09/24** Signatories: **1**

Sorcha Eastwood

That this House supports the Spot Leukaemia campaign held during Blood Cancer Awareness Month; recognises that September is Blood Cancer Awareness Month; highlights that Spot Leukaemia is a campaign with a focus on earlier diagnosis of leukaemia; further highlights that Leukaemia UK and Leukaemia Care work together each year to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of leukaemia among the public and improve clinical practices so that people presenting with symptoms can access vital diagnostic tests within 48 hours of referral; notes that an inexpensive full blood count is all that is needed to detect leukaemia; expresses strong concern that only a third of patients presenting with leukaemia symptoms receive an urgent full blood count within 48 hours of presenting with symptoms as recommended by the NICE NG12 guidelines; further notes that of 1,000 UK general practitioners surveyed 30% cited reasons for not meeting the recommendations of the NICE NG12 guidelines, including the lack of capacity within phlebotomy services; understands the need for increased GP and phlebotomy capacity within the NHS, in order to diagnose leukaemia earlier and adhere to the NICE guidelines; and acknowledges that phlebotomy services should be part of community diagnostic centres, as recommended in the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Diagnostics report.

Added Names

Below are EDMs tabled in the last two weeks to which names have been added. Only the first 6 names and any new names are included.

61 Southern Water, Havant Thicket Reservoir

Tabled: **24/07/24** Signatories: **17**

Jess Brown-Fuller

Alex Brewer

Dr Danny Chambers

John Milne

John McDonnell

James MacCleary

Siân Berry

That this House notes with concern that Southern Water proposes to introduce recycled waste water into the spring-fed drinking water supply at the Havant Thicket Reservoir; further notes that this method of reverse osmosis will be the first of its kind in the United Kingdom and is a system used primarily in countries with an insecure water supply; expresses concern that this project does not fit within the articles of association for water companies to put the environment and customers at the heart of their objectives; asks why a capital investment of £1.2bn can be financed but no such investment is forthcoming in wastewater management; and requests that all proposed customers of this drinking water supply are consulted before this national infrastructure project creates a blueprint for all water companies to do the same.

63 Zero carbon homes

Tabled: **24/07/24** Signatories: **21**

Tim Farron

Max Wilkinson

Vikki Slade

Wendy Chamberlain

Tom Gordon

John McDonnell

Christine Jardine

Andrew George

That this House believes that all new homes should be built to a zero carbon standard; urges the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to grant local councils and National Park authorities the powers to enforce the Future Home Standard for all new homes; calls for all new houses to be built to a minimum standard of producing 75-80% lower CO2 emissions than homes currently being built; further calls for all new homes to be built with solar panels; and recognises the need to cut energy bills and cut carbon emissions as a matter of great urgency.

65 Tax on private jetsTabled: **24/07/24** Signatories: **17****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Jon Trickett****Mary Kelly Foy****Andy McDonald****Carla Denyer****Siân Berry**

Apsana Begum

That this House is concerned that private jets release 10 times more carbon per passenger than commercial flights, pay no VAT or fuel duty and most passengers pay the same low rate of air passenger duty as ordinary commercial flyers; recognises that the UK has more private flights and more pollution from private jets than any other country in Europe; and calls on the Government to tackle this issue by levying VAT, tax fuel and increase air passenger duty on private jets which would raise £700m a year.

71 Recognition of the state of PalestineTabled: **25/07/24** Signatories: **15****Shockat Adam****Ayoub Khan****Jeremy Corbyn****Mr Adnan Hussain****Iqbal Mohamed****Carla Denyer**

Apsana Begum

That this House notes the UN General Assembly resolution of 9 May 2024 which recommended that the Security Council reconsider the matter of the recognition of the state of Palestine following the use of their veto by the United States on 18 April 2024; recognises the international community's growing consensus, noting that as of May 2024 Ireland, Spain, and Norway joined 145 UN member states in recognising the state of Palestine; condemns the vote of Israel's Knesset on 18 July 2024 to reject the establishment of an independent Palestinian state; and calls on HM Government to immediately recognise the state of Palestine in accordance with the International Court of Justice's advisory opinion of 2024, which recognised that the West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Gaza strip constitute a single territorial unit the integrity of which is to be respected.

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Tabled: **26/07/24** Signatories: **6**

Claire Hanna

John McDonnell

Jim Shannon

Jon Trickett

Mary Kelly Foy

Ellie Chowns

That this House notes that the Community Ownership Fund was introduced by the last Government to support voluntary and community groups; further notes that current Community Ownership funding will come to an end in March 2025; acknowledges that many organisations and projects are reliant on this funding due to the withdrawal of EU structural funds and face uncertainty about what comes next; and calls on the new Government to provide reassurance and to outline plans for the continuation or replacement of the fund as soon as possible to allow organisations to plan ahead.

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Tabled: **26/07/24** Signatories: **16**

Jon Trickett

John McDonnell

Iqbal Mohamed

Jim Shannon

Neil Duncan-Jordan

Andrew George

Ayoub Khan

Richard Burgon

That this House supports free car parking for all NHS staff; notes that driving to work is the only viable option for some NHS staff; further notes that some NHS Trusts have introduced complicated invoicing systems through which staff are billed for parking, which has contributed to low morale in the workforce; recognises that during the pandemic NHS staff did not have to pay for parking but charges were subsequently reinstated; believes that NHS staff do an incredible job looking after us and the Government should look after them in return; and calls on the Government to examine the possibility of permanently scrapping car parking charges for NHS staff.

78 Treatment of female activists in IranTabled: **29/07/24** Signatories: **9****John McDonnell****Jim Shannon****Kim Johnson****Mary Kelly Foy****Graham Leadbitter****Ellie Chowns**

Richard Burgon

That this House is alarmed by the breaches of International Humanitarian Law by the Iranian government; notes that the Islamic Republic's violent repression of women and the activists defending their rights has intensified across the country since the death of President Ebrahim Raisi on 19 May 2024; highlights that women are in danger of being executed and that four women face the death penalty, Sharifa Mohammadi, a labour activist, Pakhshan Azizi, a social researcher and women's activist, Nasim Gholami, a protester of the 2022 protests, and Vari Moradi, a women's rights activist; notes that at least 12 women activists have been sentenced to prison terms, some as long as 21 years, in prosecutions lacking due process or fair trial rights, including the denial of chosen counsel; further notes that at least six women prisoners of conscience with serious medical conditions have been denied medical treatment by prison authorities, including an ailing elderly woman prisoner and one pregnant prisoner, that at least five have gone on hunger strike in protest, and that many of these women prisoners have also been denied contact with their families or lawyers; and condemns the Islamic Republic's intensified assault on women activists and its oppression of women.

81 Andy Murray's legacyTabled: **29/07/24** Signatories: **18****Gordon McKee****Jim Shannon****Tonia Antoniazzi****David Mundell****Chris Kane****Graeme Downie**

Christine Jardine

Ayoub Khan

That this House celebrates the remarkable tennis career of Andy Murray as he plays his last professional tournament at the Paris 2024 Olympics, including winning three Grand Slam singles titles, two Olympic Gold medals, leading his country to Davis Cup success and achieving the world No 1 ranking; recognises that tennis in Scotland and across Britain is far healthier as a result of Andy's inspirational achievements, with over 5.6 million adults and 3.6 million children playing tennis in Britain last year alone; and calls on the Government to continue investing in grassroots and community tennis to embed the Murray legacy in Scotland and across Britain.

83 Tony Blackburn's 60 years on airTabled: **29/07/24** Signatories: **6**

Jim Shannon
Jess Brown-Fuller
Graham Leadbitter
Mims Davies
Christine Jardine
Ayoub Khan

That this House celebrates 60 years of Tony Blackburn on air; notes his first appearance on Radio Caroline on 25 July 1964 when he was only 21 and his contribution to the UK media since then; highlights his achievements over the last six decades in the media and presenting industry and that he is a much loved household name throughout the United Kingdom; and wishes him many more years of success on the radio.

87 Alcohol harmTabled: **29/07/24** Signatories: **15**

Grahame Morris
Dan Carden
Mary Glendon
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Ian Lavery

Ayoub Khan

Richard Burgon

That this House supports the call from the Alcohol Health Alliance and leading public health professionals, made on 17 July 2024, for urgent action to tackle the escalating crisis of alcohol harm; realises that such action will help achieve ambitions to reduce NHS waiting times, crime and inequalities, and to grow the economy; notes with concern that over 10,000 people died due to alcohol in 2022, a record level and a 33% increase from 2019; further notes that alcohol-related illnesses account for one million hospital admissions annually; acknowledges that there are an estimated 4.2 million alcohol-related crimes each year, costing £14.6 billion; understands that more working years of life are lost to alcohol than the ten most common cancers combined; recalls that despite the Alcohol Charter, published on 16 October 2018 by All-Party Parliamentary Groups, the Commission on Alcohol Harm report, published on 14 September 2020, and the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee's report on Alcohol treatment services, published on 24 May 2023, there has been no actual Alcohol Strategy published since 23 March 2012; and urges the Government to introduce a comprehensive Alcohol Strategy without delay, to address the escalating alcohol harm crisis.

93 Voter identificationTabled: **30/07/24** Signatories: **23**

Calum Miller
Richard Foord
Jess Brown-Fuller
Lisa Smart
Tom Gordon
Graham Leadbitter

Edward Morello
Olly Glover
Wendy Chamberlain
Charlotte Cane

Anna Sabine
Ben Maguire
Liz Jarvis
John McDonnell

Mike Martin
Charlie Maynard
Caroline Voaden
Vikki Slade

That this House believes democracy is best served when eligible voters are encouraged to participate in elections; does not believe there was evidence of widespread voter fraud prior to 2022; notes with concern evidence that the requirement to provide voter identification in order to vote in the 2024 local and general elections suppressed voter turnout, particularly from specific demographic groups within the population; further notes that the forms of identification permitted discriminated against younger people; and therefore calls on the Government, at the earliest opportunity, to repeal the relevant sections of the Elections Act 2022 so as to remove the requirement for voter identification in order to cast a vote in UK elections.

94 Carmarthen summer holiday breakfast clubTabled: **30/07/24** Signatories: **7**

Ann Davies
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Llinos Medi
Mary Kelly Foy
Jim Shannon

John McDonnell

That this House commends volunteers in Carmarthen for providing free breakfast, activities and a safe space for young people in need of extra support during the summer holidays; notes that the summer holiday breakfast club is a venture by St John Ambulance Cymru's Carmarthen Division to provide support and care for the local community; further notes that the newly-renovated Carmarthen Divisional building is a vital hub for volunteer activity in the area; commends the group for providing vital support during a time of hardship, and thanks all the volunteers, local businesses and groups who have given their support to this important venture.

95 Cawthorne's Endowed Primary School, 350 years oldTabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **3****Cat Smith**
Mary Kelly Foy
Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates the 350th anniversary of Cawthorne's Endowed Primary School; notes the school was founded by William Cawthorne in 1674, further that the school is situated in an idyllic location in the Forest of Bowland, within an area of outstanding natural beauty, and at the centre of the village of Abbeystead; praises the leadership of headteacher Patrick Corbett for his stewardship of this unique rural school; thanks the teaching and support staff for their work in supporting our young people learn; and further praises the children at the school for their cheerful spirits and eagerness to learn.

96 St Martin's College, University of Cumbria, Lancaster Campus, 60th anniversaryTabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **3****Cat Smith**
Mary Kelly Foy
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the University of Cumbria, St Martin's College on their 60th anniversary; thanks them for shaping the bright future of students and contributing significantly to local development and education; recognises this remarkable milestone and the impact this institution has had on the Lancaster and wider community, not only through the brilliant quality of education provided, but also by developing a vibrant and dynamic environment that benefits, students, teaching faculty and local residents; pays tribute to the incredible dedication and hard work of both the teaching staff and the students as well as the faculty's commitment to providing top-tier education and their innovative approaches to teaching which have inspired generations of learners to reach their full potential; and praises this significant 60th anniversary, as we honour the legacy of St Martin's College and look forward to many more years of success and positive impact.

97 Ban trophy hunting importsTabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **19**

Grahame Morris
Mary Glindon
Jon Trickett
Mary Kelly Foy
Christine Jardine
Graham Leadbitter

Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Claire Hanna
Kirsty Blackman
Richard Burgon

Andrew George
Mr Clive Betts
Tom Gordon
Ellie Chowns

Claire Young
Ayoub Khan
Apsana Begum
Vikki Slade

That this House notes CITES data and investigations by the Campaign to Ban Trophy Hunting published in the national media showing British trophy hunters are killing and bringing home trophies of threatened species including African elephants, lions, leopards, giraffes, hippopotamuses, zebras, wolves, monkeys, wild cats, lynxes, cougars, bears, and African civets; further notes that several parties made election pledges to ban hunting trophies in their manifestos, including the Government; acknowledges that a Private Members Bill drafted by the previous Government enjoyed strong cross-party support and passed unanimously in the House; recognises that the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs conducted an extensive public consultation exercise involving 44,000 stakeholders, 86% of whom back a trophy import ban, that opinion polls show overwhelming voter support for an immediate and comprehensive ban; and strongly urges the Government to now bring forward a Bill in Government time which implements a world-leading ban without any further delay.

98 Jools' Law petitionTabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **4**

Max Wilkinson
Jim Shannon
Andrew George
Ayoub Khan

That this House notes the 126,033 signatures on the petition for Jools' Law, relating to parental rights of access to children's social media accounts; further notes that current legislation lags behind the progress of social media, leading to concern for many parents seeking protection of their children; notes that the Petitions Committee will not automatically consider the aforementioned petition for debate when the Committee is reconvened; and appeals to the new Petitions Committee to consider the petition for debate.

99 High streetsTabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **8**

Sarah Gibson
Vikki Slade
Christine Jardine
Jim Shannon
Andrew George
Claire Young

Ayoub Khan Ellie Chowns

That this House welcomes the new report by the Federation of Small Businesses entitled The Future of the High Street; recognises that local communities and local businesses working together on the high street lies at the heart of economic prosperity; and acknowledges that, from local business support to specialised funds, reforming business rates and improving infrastructure, we must work together to transform high streets into places that meet future needs and support the next generation of entrepreneurs, which is essential for a thriving economy.

100 Floral displays at Rugby train stationTabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **6**

John Slinger
Rachel Taylor
Cat Eccles
Mary Kelly Foy
Jim Shannon
Ayoub Khan

That this House commends the voluntary work of Tony Acton, Marlon Golding and Yunus Sanders, members of Avanti's staff at Rugby train station, whose voluntary work to create numerous, beautiful floral displays, brings much joy to all rail users who depart from, arrive at or travel through the station; and notes that their efforts have previously led to success at the Rugby In Bloom awards.

101 Household Support FundTabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **4**

Ayoub Khan
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Ellie Chowns

That this House expresses deep concern that when the current Household Support Fund ends in September 2024, there are no current plans in place to address the substantial gap this will

leave; notes that charities including the Trussell Trust are facing a hugely worrying cliff edge for many of the people they support with the end of the Fund; believes that the impact of ending the Fund will be felt particularly harshly in Birmingham, where the uncertain future of Birmingham City Council's Contact Centre also hangs in the balance; and calls upon the Government to commit to a new long-term strategy for local crisis support, underpinned by a multi-year funding settlement that at least matches current annual investment in the Fund in England.

102 **Levenmouth Treasure Trails winners**

Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **2**

Wendy Chamberlain

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the six families who won the Levenmouth Treasure Trails competition; celebrates that each family won a free family rail pass to any location in Scotland; acknowledges that the Treasure Trail encouraged people to explore Leven, Kennoway, Methil/Buckhaven and the Wemyss Villages; welcomes this great way to get to know the area; and thanks Fife Council's roads and transportation service for organising the competition and to everyone who took part.

103 **Levenmouth Picture Perfect competition winners**

Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **2**

Wendy Chamberlain

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Ruth Vance from Auchtermuchty for winning the competition, and Lynne Muir from Anstruther who was runner up; celebrates that the Fife-based photography competition brought the community together at the Together Levenmouth Hub; recognises the 60 incredible entrants who all received framed editions of their photos; thanks Jim Hamilton for working with Network Rail to organise the competition and for all his wonderful photos on the Levenmouth Building A Railway Facebook page; welcomes that 10 of the photographs are on display for visitors in the Leven and Cameron Bridge stations; and acknowledges the generosity of the winners who have donated their winnings to Castle Hill Centre in Cupar, Cellardyke Tidal Pool and Jim Mathew Camera Collection in St Monans.

104 St Andrews named best Scottish seaside townTabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **3****Wendy Chamberlain**
Christine Jardine
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates St Andrews being named best Scottish seaside town by Which?; recognises all the successful local restaurants and shops which attract tourists to boost the local economy while providing wonderful places to eat and shop for locals; celebrates having the oldest golf course in the world and a 15th century university which students from all over the world attend; welcomes St Andrews being home to the country's first dog-friendly chippy, Cromars Fish & Chips.

105 Gambling regulationsTabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **5****Dr Beccy Cooper**
Jim Shannon
Peter Lamb
John McDonnell
Ellie Chowns

That this House notes with concern that the most recent regulations on gambling are from the Gambling Act 2005; considers the need for further affordability checks, levies and advertising limits following the rise of online gambling since 2005; and calls on the Government to act swiftly to implement the recommendations of the Gambling Reform White Paper 2023.

106 Recognising the economic impact of Taylor Swift's Eras tour on the UK economyTabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **3****Tom Gordon**
Mary Kelly Foy
Jim Shannon

That this House acknowledges the substantial economic impact of Taylor Swift's Eras tour on the UK economy, with an estimated boost of nearly £1 billion; notes the concept of Swiftonomics as a demonstration of how cultural events can drive significant economic activity across multiple sectors, including hospitality, retail, and transportation; further notes that the tour's presence in cities such as London, Liverpool, Edinburgh, and Cardiff has led to increased tourism, job creation, and local business growth; recognises the long-term benefits of heightened international visibility for these cities as premier destinations for global events; and calls on the Government to continue supporting and investing in the UK's cultural and entertainment industries to maximise their economic contributions and cultural influence.

107 Bullying in parish and town councilsTabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **4**

Jon Trickett
Mary Kelly Foy
John McDonnell
Ayoub Khan

That this House believes that local parish and town councils play a vital role in our democracy and are central to community life in many parts of our country; expresses its concern that in some councils there are significant issues of bullying, with poor behaviour from councillors towards their fellow representatives and staff; notes that council staff are entitled to protections under employment law but in many cases this does not adequately protect staff from bullying by elected councillors; further believes that more must be done to ensure that parish and town councillors and council staff are able to go about their jobs without feeling unsafe; and calls on the Government to examine what can be done to clamp down on bullying in parish and town councils so that this important part of our democracy can flourish.

108 Launch It Dundee 5th anniversaryTabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **3**

Chris Law
Jim Shannon
Graham Leadbitter

That this House congratulates Launch It Dundee on their 5th anniversary; recognises that the team at Launch It Dundee have since inception supported over two hundred young people from across the city and wider area, with over fifty successfully launching their own businesses; further recognises the importance of charities like Launch It Dundee in assisting young people, and especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, become successful entrepreneurs; notes that Launch It Dundee have launched outreach programmes to encourage entrepreneurship in local schools; and wishes all involved with Launch it Dundee all the best for the future.

109 Centenary of 3rd Barrhead Scout GroupTabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **2**

Blair McDougall
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the 3rd Barrhead Scout Group on the occasion of their centenary; notes the generations of young people the Group has given the opportunity for adventure, fun and leadership; commends the leaders who have given their time to instil confidence

and impart skills; and looks forward to the continuing success of Scouting in Barrhead in its second century.

110 Teresa O'Hara's Silver Jubilee

Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **2**

Blair McDougall
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Teresa O'Hara on the occasion of twenty-five years of managing East Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau; notes the countless citizens who have been assisted with their everyday problems thanks to her leadership; thanks her for the service she has offered to people in need; and looks forward to the continuing success of Citizens Advice East Renfrewshire under Teresa's management, and with the support of her excellent team of advisers.

111 Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty

Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **5**

Rachael Maskell
Clive Lewis
John McDonnell
Jim Shannon
Ellie Chowns

That this House supports the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative; notes that the treaty initiative is a global effort to foster international cooperation to accelerate a transition to renewable energy, end the expansion of coal, oil and gas, and support an equitable phase out of existing production; believes that the treaty initiative is in keeping with scientific research, which highlights the urgency of the climate crisis; highlights that, through the phasing out of fossil fuels and the acceleration of a fair energy transition, the treaty seeks to ensure that governments adhere to the Paris Agreement targets; is concerned that the world is currently on a trajectory that could result in seven times more emissions than what is compatible with keeping warming below 1.5°C; further believes that this treaty promotes international cooperation by explicitly stopping the expansion of fossil fuels and managing a global just transition away from coal, oil and gas in a manner that is both fast and fair, so that no worker, community or country is left behind; further notes that the treaty has been backed by a growing global network of governments, civil society organisations, academics, scientists, youth activists, health professionals, faith institutions, Indigenous peoples and hundreds of thousands of other citizens globally; recognises the importance of this treaty; and calls on the Government to put its full support behind the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative.

112 Social SecurityTabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **71**

Rishi Sunak
Jeremy Hunt
Mel Stride
Claire Coutinho
Stuart Andrew
James Wild

Katie Lam	Mr Louie French	Esther McVey
Chris Philp	Mr Gregory Campbell	Sarah Bool
David Mundell	James Cartlidge	Saqib Bhatti
George Freeman	Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst	Ayoub Khan
Dr Andrew Murrison		

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 869), dated 22 August 2024, a copy of which was laid before this House on 22 August 2024, be annulled.

113 The Wiggles and childhood obesityTabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **4**

Max Wilkinson
Christine Jardine
Jim Shannon
Anna Sabine

That this House notes with concern the rising levels of childhood obesity in this country; further notes the influence media can have on children's consumption habits, including adverts for unhealthy foods that contribute to obesity; acknowledges that 2024 marks the 30th anniversary of The Wiggles' Yummy Yummy album, featuring the popular song Fruit Salad; and celebrates the The Wiggles for their three decades of work to encourage healthy diets among children by singing about the recipe for fruit salad and advising children around the world that the dessert is indeed yummy yummy.

114 Northern Ireland Olympians 2024Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **2**

Mr Gregory Campbell
Jim Shannon

That this House notes the outstanding success at the Paris Olympic Games of athletes from Northern Ireland, with many achieving personal bests and six athletes winning medals including Hannah Scott and Jack McMillan with gold, Rebecca Shorten with silver for Team GB, Daniel Wiffin with gold and bronze, Rhys McClenaghan with gold, and Philip Doyle with silver for Team

Ireland; expresses the hope that funding can continue to be made available so that these successes can be built upon for the future; and draws attention to the remarkable success of the Bann Rowing Club with Hannah Scott joining the Chambers brothers and Alan Campbell in the 2012 Games providing four Olympic medals from a small club in Coleraine.

115 Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations 2024

Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **15**

Neil Duncan-Jordan
Zarah Sultana
Rachael Maskell
Jon Trickett
Clive Lewis
Nadia Whittome

John McDonnell
Ian Byrne
Ellie Chown

Jim Shannon
Ayoub Khan
Richard Burgon

Kim Johnson
Apsana Begum
Sorcha Eastwood

That this House expresses its concern that The Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations 2024 are being introduced without prior consultation or an impact assessment, nor with sufficient time to put in place a proper and effective take-up campaign for Pension Credit; notes this approach fails to take account for those people with modest incomes that are just above the entitlement threshold for Pension Credit; further notes the worrying annual excess winter death figures among pensioners; recognises the impact a sharp rise in the energy price cap of 10% from 1 October will have on pensioners which will not be helped by introducing a bureaucratic and unpopular means test which undermines the benefits of universalism when older people have higher energy costs due to comorbidities and poor housing insulation; further recognises that colder homes make older people more susceptible to poor health, including hyperthermia, respiratory and circulatory disease; and calls on the Government to postpone the ending of Winter Fuel Payments and establish a comprehensive strategy to tackle fuel poverty, health inequality and low incomes among older people.

116 Sunshine No.1

Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **3**

Gordon McKee
Mary Kelly Foy
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the fantastic achievement of Sunshine No.1, an art and gift shop in Mount Florida founded by Suzi Nicol, which has been named as one of 100 most impressive small firms by Small Business Saturday UK; recognises that small businesses across the country

have faced a difficult few years; and calls on the Government to continue supporting small businesses as part of Small Business Saturday to help grow the economy.

121 **Withdrawal of the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations 2024**

Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **78**

Wendy Chamberlain

Ed Davey

Daisy Cooper

Tim Farron

Helen Morgan

Richard Foord

Siân Berry

Adrian Ramsay

Sorcha Eastwood

Charlotte Cane

Ellie Chowns

Carla Denyer

Ayoub Khan

That this House calls on the Government to withdraw the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations 2024.

122 **Overseas constituencies**

Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **6**

Christine Jardine

Vikki Slade

Claire Young

Ian Roome

Jim Shannon

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House notes that the Elections Act 2022 increased the number of UK citizens living abroad that are eligible to vote in UK elections to approximately 3.5 million; further notes that UK citizens residing abroad are represented by the hon. Member from their last place of residence in the UK, which may be distant from their current place of residence; notes that the establishment of overseas constituencies would allow UK citizens living abroad to be represented by an MP who is experienced in dealing with the range of problems overseas residents face; notes that parliaments in 17 countries have overseas constituency MPs; and calls on the Government to work with the Boundary Commission to implement overseas constituencies for the House of Commons and with the Electoral Commission and groups representing UK citizens abroad to run a registration drive for eligible citizens to explain how they can register to vote.

123 Mutual Defence AgreementTabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **6**

Jeremy Corbyn
John McDonnell
Ayoub Khan
Apsana Begum
Iqbal Mohamed
Ellie Chowns

That this House notes the expiry this year of the 10-year extension of the Agreement between the UK and the USA for Cooperation in the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defence Purposes; further notes that the published proposed amendments presented to the House in July 2024 extend the Agreement permanently, removing the current regular review and opportunity for amendment and expiry; believes that the relationship and activities enshrined by the Agreement confirm an indefinite commitment by the US and UK to collaborate on nuclear weapons; further believes that this violates both countries' obligations under Article I and Article VI of the 1968 Non-Proliferation Treaty, which states that each nuclear-weapon State Party to the Treaty shall not transfer nuclear weapons or explosive devices and shall pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to nuclear disarmament; is concerned that the Government does not see a potential conflict of interest between the Agreement and the Treaty; and urges that a substantial debate be held on such a significant Agreement.

124 Retirement of John CaterTabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **4**

Luke Myer
Bill Esterson
Jim Shannon
Ayoub Khan

That this House congratulates John Cater on fifty years of service to the higher education sector, including thirty years leading Edge Hill University, making him the longest-serving vice chancellor in UK higher education; thanks him for his dedication to higher education, widening access to education, and the student experience; recognises his achievements over the last five decades, notably his stewardship of Edge Hill's institutional development from a medium-sized college into a University with a student population of more than 14,000 and a range of disciplines and fields of research; notes the significant development in the physical infrastructure of the institution's campus during his tenure, with over £350m invested in facilities; recognises the economic impact of the University under John's leadership, with an estimated £175.9m contributed in a given year principally in the north of England; pays tribute to John for his values-driven approach to leadership, which has been reflected in the mission and work of the institution; and wishes John a relaxing and very well-deserved retirement.

125 10th International Yoga DayTabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **3**

Bob Blackman
John McDonnell
Jim Shannon

That this House, whilst celebrating the 10th International Day of Yoga this year, notes that modern-day Yoga techniques have been developed by vested commercial interests, taking Indian classical Yoga away from its roots and value system and limited to certain selective practices and processes; calls on the Yoga fraternity, in its core curriculum, to restore its Vedic roots and core values and principles to create a disease-free society; urges the widespread application of Yoga in prevention and well-being initiatives within the National Health Service for both patients and staff, along with the other natural, prevention-oriented and cost-effective modalities from India's traditional sciences, such as Ayurveda; is aware that there may be as many as approximately 5.5 million people in the UK suffering from Long Covid and that the All Party Parliamentary Group Indian Traditional Sciences has taken a lead for many years in encouraging a pluralistic approach to health through the NHS and has sought opportunities to bring parties together to further research in Yoga and Ayurveda, an example of which is the current study at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, into the effect of Ashwaganda in the treatment of Long Covid; and encourages all sectors of business and industry to make Yoga learning widely available and provide facilities for its practice in all workplaces to enhance the well-being and productivity of all employees.

126 Accelerating construction work and lower carbon construction vehiclesTabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **6**

Mr Alistair Carmichael
Ian Roome
Christine Jardine
Jim Shannon
Andrew George
Wendy Chamberlain

That this House recognises the benefits of the production of concrete with zero waste, fewer lorry movements and minimal water waste by greener volumetric mobile concrete plants (VCMs); acknowledges that since their invention in 1975 and following regulations in 2018, VCMs have operated safely in the UK at 38.4 tonnes on 4 axles and 44 tonnes on 5 axles, with on-board concrete pumps that eliminate the need for separate pump lorries; welcomes the Government's commitment when in Opposition to reverse the damaging decision of the previous Government to impose a universal weight cut to 32 tonnes on VCMs at the same time as permitting higher weights for electric HGVs; notes this reversal also has the support of former Conservative Transport Ministers and Hon Members from across all the major political parties; further notes that unless action is taken, the sole UK manufacturer of 44T VCMs in Sheffield will cease trading; also notes Denmark raised the weight limit for VCMs from 32 tonnes to 38 tonnes and in Italy and Scandinavia 44 tonne VCMs are road-legal; and urges the Government

act swiftly to bring in a Statutory Instrument or other measure to make permanent instead of temporary the current 38.4T and 44T weight limits to safeguard 15,000 skilled jobs, contributing £380 million to the UK economy each year.

127 National Express coach services to Launceston and North Cornwall

Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **4**

Ben Maguire
Ian Roome
Jim Shannon
Andrew George

That this House deeply regrets the cancellation of the National Express 503 service between London and Penzance on 3 September 2024; notes that the 503 service offered inter city connections for people living in and around the town of Launceston which is not served by a mainline railway station or other coach services; further notes that local bus services do not offer a frequent or reliable method for people in Launceston to travel by public transport to other towns served by railway stations or inter city coach routes; further regrets the negative impact that this cancellation will have on residents, businesses and visitors to the area; calls on National Express to reinstate the 503 service as quickly as possible; further calls on National Express to consider introducing or reintroducing coach routes serving the towns of Bodmin, Bude, Camelford, Launceston, Padstow, St Columb Major and Wadebridge; and urges the Government to consider taking steps to ensure that inter city coach services are available to people living in and around towns in rural areas like North Cornwall that are not served by mainline rail services.

128 Period product scheme for schools and colleges

Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **12**

Mr Lee Dillon
Vikki Slade
Steve Darling
Ian Roome
Mary Kelly Foy
Charlotte Cane

Jim Shannon
Anna Sabine

Calum Miller
Ayoub Khan

Edward Morello
Ellie Chowns

That this House welcomes the period product scheme for schools and colleges; notes that that current scheme was in April of this year extended until July 2025; further notes that a longer duration of support would provide schools and young women with the knowledge that this scheme won't be removed during their school lives; recognises that the scheme only allows for tights to be purchased during winter and autumn terms and that young women who wear tights all year round aren't able to benefit from this scheme in the summer term; calls upon the

Department of Education to declare a longer term commitment to this scheme and to include the purchasing of tights all year round; and encourages Hon. Members to make their schools aware of the scheme.